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1. THE ONLY FURTHER INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION, IN ADDITION TO THAT PROVIDED REF B, IS THE SHORT VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF ICRC OPERATIONS IN CHAD GIVEN IN AFRICA REPORT NO. 1 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: IN THIS INTERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FROLINAT) THE LATTER CONTROLS THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY AND HAS CAPTURED A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS.

"THE ICRC HAS DELEGATIONS IN BOTH PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY TASKS:

"(A) REGULAR VISITS TO ABOUT 2,000 POW, MEMBERS OF CHAD GOVERNMENT FORCES, WHO ARE HELD IN DETENTION CAMPS IN THE FAYA LARGEAU, FADA, ZOUAR AND BARDAI REGIONS OF NORTHERN CHAD;

"(B) THE TRANSMISSION OF FAMILY MESSAGES BETWEEN POW'S IN THE NORTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY;

"(C) MEDICAL CARE OF POW IN CAMPS IN THE NORTH AND IN
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CERTAIN HOSPITALS IN FAYA LARGEAU; ALSO OCCASIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR WOUNDED COMBATTANTS.

"IN ADDITION THE 2,000 POW MENTIONED ABOVE ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THE ICRC FOR FOOD AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER SUPPLIES SUCH AS BLANKETS AND CLOTHING WHICH REPRESENTS A HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN." END QUOTE.

2. THE RELIEF HEADING, AS PRESENTED REF B, IS BROKEN
DOWN IN THE APPEAL AS FOLLOWS:(FIGURES IN SWISS FRANCS).

FOOD - - 315,000
CLOTHING AND BLANKETS 33,000
OTHER SUPPLIES (IN-
CLUDING BOOKS AND GAMES 27,000
1 LANDROVER - 30,000
FUEL FOR VEHICLES 15,000
TRANSPORT:
1 HERCULES - 600,000
DC-3 - - 90,000
PIPER ALTEC - 200,000
TOTAL RELIEF 1,310,000

3. SHOULD THE EMBASSY DESIRE FURTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION,
PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM ICRC.
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